CHAPTER 4

THE MODEL "D" RIMFIRE PISTOL

4-1 MODEL "D" TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Weapon Type:	Single shot pistol
Action:	Single action, tip-up loading
Weight:	24 ounces
Overall Length:	6 7/8 inches
Barrel Length:	5 inches
Rifling:	6 grooves, right hand
Caliber:	.22 short, long, or long rifle
Sights:	Open front and rear, fixed
Materials:	All steel, except plastic grip panels
Safety:	Pivoting hammer block on left side of receiver

4-2 THE MODEL "D" PISTOL

As soon as production of the Model "C" rifle was running smoothly, Mr. Kraus' design team turned its attention to an entirely different segment of the marketplace. Mr. Wackerhagen saw a need for a small handgun for camp, trail, tackle box, and general plinking. Mr. Kraus' response was the Model "D" single-shot tip-up pistol. Development of the Model "D" must have occurred rapidly because production began in September, 1953.

To highlight the intended purpose of the new pistol, it was appropriately named the "Knocabout". The Knocabout was admirably designed for its intended purpose. Its single-shot, tip-up design is safe, simple, and compact. The flat, compact size of the pistol makes it handy for pocket or tackle box. All-steel construction assures excellent durability. The safety mechanism directly blocks the hammer, thereby preventing an accidental discharge even if the pistol is dropped. The extractor/ejector reliably tosses empties clear of the weapon if the barrel is allowed to spring open.

Sights are machined as part of the barrel to prevent any accidental misalignment. Human engineering characteristics are excellent. The pistol points naturally because of a good bore-to-grip angle. The safety is

conveniently located and easily operated, yet it is unobtrusive. Grip size is appropriate for a wide range of shooters. The grip panels completely surround the frame so that the shooter's hand need not grip metal during cold weather. The grip panels are checkered over a large area to afford a sure grip. The trigger guard is large enough for even a gloved finger.

Performance of the little pistol reflects its Sheridan heritage. Trigger pull is typically very good (2 1/2 - 4 lbs with little or no creep). Accuracy is more than adequate with 1 1/2" to 2 1/2" groups possible at 50 feet. The rear sight must have been machined into the barrel using the bore as a reference because most pistols shoot very close to point of aim at 50 feet.

The short production life of the Model "D" is difficult to understand in light of the pistol's features, performance, and low cost. Production of the pistol began in April 1953. Retail price was $17.95. Production of the pistol 1959 or 1960 after approximately 10,795 pistols had been sold.

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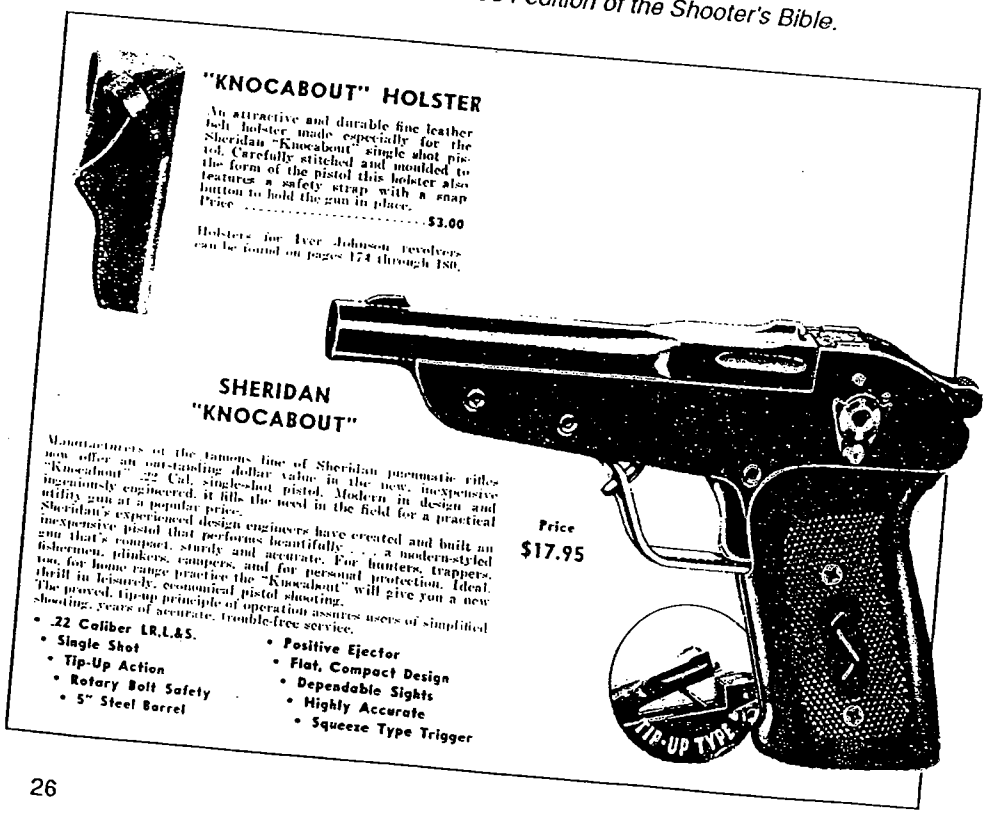
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Sheridan Products Inc
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Single Shot Pistol
Weight: 24 Oz.
Barrel Length: 5 in.
Caliber: .22 short, long or long rifle
Sights: fixed rear & front blade
Safety: Hammer Block - pivoting
Approximate Retail: $18.00
Approximate Production: 11,000 units from 1953-1960.